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More Germans At Versailles

Second Installment for the Peace Congress; Principal Delegates Are Expected Tonight

Versailles, April 28.—The second installment of Germans who are to attend the peace conference arrived here at ten o'clock last night. The party included a large number of women stenographers and typists. Canceled German Treaties. Paris, April 28.—(By the Associated Press)—One of the events now awaiting decision at the peace conference is the validity of treaties concluded by Germany during the war. A clause approved for insertion in the treaty provides that Germany shall renounce all advantages from the treaties of Brest-Litovsk and Bucharest, and an additional clause is still before the Council of Three which provides for a similar renunciation of "all treaties concluded by Germany since August 1, 1914, including those with Poland, Finland and the Baltic provinces." This would operate to terminate various telegraphic and other conventions negotiated with neutrals during the war. Versailles, April 28.—(By the Associated Press)—The principal members of the German peace conference delegation are expected to arrive here at 9 o'clock this evening. Paris, April 28.—Before the meeting of the Council of Three this morning Baron Makino, head of the Japanese mission, and Viscount Chinda, his colleague, conferred with President Wilson. The conference lasted nearly an hour.

SIR HARRY LAUDER

Entertainer Given Knighthood For Empire Service During War—Hon. T. H. Cochrane a Baron

London, April 28.—(Reuters)—The premier's list of honours for public services during the war contains the following:—Barons Burnham and Botherwick. Baronetcy—Sir J. H. Roberts, Sir R. T. Holman-Hodge, Sir T. R. Dewar, and Hon. T. H. Cochrane. The many knighthoods include Harry Lauder "for empire service rendered during the war." William Garthwaite is also given a baronetcy "for public services in developing relations between Canada and France and inaugurating a direct shipping between these countries; also special war services to the admiralty."

GETTING READY TO WITHDRAW AMERICANS FROM ARCHANGEL FRONT

Archangel, April 27.—(By the Associated Press)—The American troops are gradually being withdrawn from the front lines, preparatory to their departure when the harbor opens. So far as possible they are being replaced by new Russian troops who are being schooled at the front by British and American officers. On the Drina the Allied positions have been slightly withdrawn from Tulgas in order to give better positions for the expected onslaught. The Bolshevik infantry which has been active here was dispersed yesterday by Allied artillery. Allied airplanes also dropped bombs with considerable success.

AWARD IN CANADIAN EXPRESS DISPUTE

Montreal, April 29.—An increase of \$25 a month in salary and the introduction of an eight-hour day for all men except those assigned to trains were awarded the employees of the Canadian Express Company by the arbitration board which considered their case. The increase in salary dates from May 1. Both the men and the company when the recent strike was declared agreed to accept the finding of the board. The following minimum wages have been fixed by the board: Office boys \$45 a month; janitors, elevator and telephone switchboard operators, office, station and warehouse watchmen, \$70 a month; new hands \$60 a month for the first six months, \$70 for the second six months and thereafter the rate of the job to which they are assigned. The award also provides that no man shall be discriminated against because he is a member of a union.

WELL REMEMBERED HERE. Word of the death of Mrs. Annie R. Idone at Roxbury, Mass., was received with sadness by friends here. She died after a short illness of heart trouble, at the age of sixty-five years. Mrs. Idone was the wife of Professor J. C. Idone, a prominent musician, who has several times appeared in St. John. Mrs. Idone belonged to Oromocto, but she and her husband moved to Roxbury about twenty-five years ago. She is survived by her husband, one son, Clarence, one daughter, Marion, three brothers and three sisters; Patrick, John and Thomas McDonough of Oromocto, Misses Margaret and Phoebe McDonough of Oromocto, and Mrs. Gustavson of California.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS FAILS TO AROUSE FRENCH ENTHUSIASM

Paris Papers' Opinions — "Dead Before Birth," Declares One Writer. Paris, April 28.—The covenant of the League of Nations arouses little enthusiasm in the press here. L'Oeuvre, which has always been a champion of the league says: "Speaking generally, we are bound to say that the League of Nations causes a certain amount of disappointment. Its twenty-six articles constitute really the statutes of the league of governments to safeguard their territorial sovereignty, and not a new charter of the law of nations which had been hoped for." The newspaper thinks that the resignation shown by Belgium, Japan and France must be due to promises or special guarantees which will be known, perhaps, "when diplomacy is no longer secret." In the Echo de Paris, "Pertinax," spokesman of the Nationalists, declares outright: "The League of Nations is dead before its birth." He also refers to rumors of treaties being made between the Allies and Germany. "To reassure us," Premier Clemenceau and Foreign Minister Pichon allege they held favorable alliances in their portfolios. These statements must be beautiful, complete and eloquent to justify such docility on the part of the French ministers." Amsterdam, April 28.—The international Socialist conference, in session at Amheim, has passed a resolution that Palestine should be an independent state and be admitted to the League of Nations.

SEVERE PENALTIES FOR DRUNKENNESS

Officers and Men on Russian Front Get Warning. Vladivostok, March 28.—(By mail from W. E. Playfair, special correspondent of the Canadian Press)—Severe penalties have been prescribed by the Russian military command on the Ekaterinburg front for drunkenness among officers and men of the new army. An order recently promulgated by General Gaidar, commanding the Siberian army, states that drunkenness is on the increase, and that officers and functionaries are frequently met in the streets and in public places drunk and declares that "this practice must cease forthwith." Drunken officers and functionaries are to be arrested and court-martialed at once. Officers and officials may be given up to five years' penal servitude. Soldiers guilty of drunkenness and violence may be shot.

POLICE COURT.

Arthur Tunstall, who was arrested and brought into the police court recently, charged with having liquor in his possession other than in his private dwelling, was found guilty and fined \$20 or six months in jail. Harry and Ernest Gunn, who were in the police court recently on a charge of assault and also of being drunk, and fined \$8 each, but whose fine was allowed to stand, were again arrested on a charge of drunkenness and were fined \$8 each today, but before being released they had to pay the previous fine also. John Davis was charged with assaulting his wife. Two men were charged with drunkenness and were fined \$8 each or two months in jail. Pheix and Pherdinand. IN TOO HAPPY TO EXCUSE ME FOLKS.

WEATHER REPORT. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—An area of high pressure now covers the Great Lakes while disturbances are developing near the New England coast and over the southwestern states. The weather is warm and showery in the western provinces and fine in Ontario. Clearing Tomorrow. Maritime—Strong easterly winds, rain tonight; Wednesday, strong northwest winds, clearing. Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Northeast winds, cool with rain; Wednesday, northwest winds, clearing. New England—Fair, cooler tonight with frost; Wednesday fair; moderate northeast and north winds.

FACTORS IN THE LABOR UNREST

Unemployment and The High Cost of Living. Evidence Before Commission in Victoria B. C.—Most Radical Opinion Was For Expropriation of C. P. R. at Actual Investment Figure. Victoria, B. C., April 28.—Unemployment and the cost of living are the principal factors in existing unrest in labor circles in Canada, according to the trend of evidence heard yesterday before the federal government's commission, investigating the relations of workers and employers. The institution of public work by the federal government, so that employment might be found for those now idle, was advocated freely. State insurance against unemployment was popular. While no witnesses heard said they had studied the Whitley and other co-operative schemes deeply, yet most of them agreed that a system in which the workers would share the responsibilities and the possible rewards of industrial management, might be expected to accomplish a good deal in the solution of industrial and economic problems. A suggestion was made that the government operate a vast mill for training returned men in lumbering. The importance of better housing and special conditions for workers was emphasized. E. S. Woodward, president of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council, who gave his personal views after the council, as a body had refused to recognize the government, said if he were dictator of Canada, "he would start work by expropriating the Canadian Pacific Railway at the actual amount of money invested in it."

SOME GERMANS GET FLAGS OUT

Military Police in Coblenz Have Them Removed—People Believe Peace Near. Coblenz, April 28.—(By the Associated Press)—Enthusiasm by prospects of peace and newspaper reports that the German peace delegates had passed Cologne en route to Versailles, five Coblenz civilians today flung out German flags from their windows. A military policeman relieved the situation by hauling down the flag himself. Army regulations prohibit the flying of German colors except by special permission. Reports from the eastern edge of the Rhine indicate that the German peace delegates have passed Cologne en route to Versailles, five Coblenz civilians today flung out German flags from their windows. A military policeman relieved the situation by hauling down the flag himself. Army regulations prohibit the flying of German colors except by special permission. Reports from the eastern edge of the Rhine indicate that the German peace delegates have passed Cologne en route to Versailles, five Coblenz civilians today flung out German flags from their windows. A military policeman relieved the situation by hauling down the flag himself. Army regulations prohibit the flying of German colors except by special permission.

LOSS IN YOKOHAMA CONFLAGRATION IS NEARLY \$8,000,000

Yokohama, April 28.—(By the Associated Press)—The monetary loss in yesterday's great fire is estimated at approximately \$7,470,000. Thousands of people are homeless. The loss of life was two killed and thirty were injured. Sixty blocks in the Japanese quarter were burned, including public buildings and business houses. It was the most disastrous conflagration in the history of Yokohama. Foreigners living in the Bluff section of the city witnessed an awe-inspiring spectacle, five fires raging simultaneously and spreading confusion and terror among the people, who vainly struggled to save their belongings.

MAY DAY WOES OF THE PARISIENS

Paris, April 28.—In addition to the May Day transportation strike, which will involve the subway employees and cab and taxicab drivers, Parisians are threatened with two lightless hours and the impossibility of obtaining refreshments. The federation of power plant employees passed a resolution today to adhere to the general labor federation's decision for a twenty-four hour strike by an entire cessation of all outside labor and cutting of the electric current at the power stations for two consecutive hours. The retailers' federation, which includes cafe and restaurants, have advised their members that in view of the threatened water's strike they should close their establishments May 1, in order to avoid trouble with their staffs.

Official Then Finds Machinery of Vessels Tamped With

Buenos Aires, April 28.—The prefect of the port of Rosario met with resistance by German officers yesterday as he attempted to board German steamers which are to be delivered to the United States. He was able to go on board only after he had threatened to use force. The machinery of two vessels inspected had been wrecked and extensive repairs are necessary. J. W. LEONARD OF THE C. P. R. IS DEAD. Prompton, Ont., April 28.—J. W. Leonard, former assistant to the vice-president of the C. P. R. Company, died at his home here this morning.

HIS HANDS FULL



May Go Away Today in Trans-Atlantic Flight

St. John's, Nfld., April 28.—The weather at 10 o'clock this morning was bright and clear, but the wind changed to the eastward with a drizzling rain. The Martinsyde aviator will fly this afternoon if conditions are no worse than at present. The Seventh airman considered this morning how to meet the situation. It was understood he would appoint an assistant. Raynham in his eagerness to get away yesterday neglected to inform the referee of his intention to leave, and today word was sent both to him and to Hawker that the conditions of the competition for the \$5,000 prize offered by the London Daily Mail required that a referee be present at the start. Hawker retains possession of letters postmarked "First transatlantic mails." These include a message from Governor Sir Alexander Harris to King George. A special message and a set of mails has been entrusted to Raynham.

JOSEPH McNAMARA'S SON CHOSEN CAPTAIN OF PRINCETON BALL TEAM

Thomas McNamara, son of Joseph McNamara, the efficient physical instructor of the Y. M. C. A., is certainly following in the footsteps of his dad in the world of clean, wholesome sport, for in correspondence received the appointment of Tom as captain of the Princeton University baseball team is announced. After his tentative selection for this position by the coach, the athletic authorities of the great college concurred today in making it permanent for the season. Tom McNamara's baseball prowess and leadership in Exeter College, Mass., proved splendid recommendations for the more responsible captaincy with Princeton. The appointment is not only a tribute to a well-trained lad physically, but to his manly and gentlemanly qualities.

SYNOD THIS AFTERNOON IN BUSINESS SESSION

The business sessions of the annual meeting of the Church of England synod of the diocese of Fredericton was held this afternoon in the school-room of Trinity church, with His Lordship Bishop Richardson presiding. After the opening devotions and the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the consideration of reports, those of the credentials, standing and executive committees being among the first taken up. The morning was devoted to the delivery of the bishop's charge, a summary of which appears elsewhere in this issue, at a service held in the church here and left for Montreal only a few days ago. He was the son of the late Timothy Barry O'Connell, who was lost in the Canadian government steamer Simcoe disaster. Mr. O'Connell was only thirty-four years of age. He is survived by his wife, four children, one brother, and three sisters. News of his death will be a great shock to his many friends in this city, for he was a general favorite and well known especially along the water front.

PATRICIA'S HUSBAND TO POST IN PARIS

London, April 28.—(Reuters)—The admiralty announces that Commander the Hon. Alexander Ramsay has been appointed naval attaché in Paris. SMALLPOX. It was reported this morning to the Department of Health, that there is some extension of the smallpox situation in and around Rockport and Middle Sackville, Westmorland County. Every precaution is being taken by the public health authorities to limit the spreading of the disease. NEW INDIANTOWN STAIRS. G. N. Hatfield, road engineer, is preparing plans for a substantial double flight of stairs to replace the outdoor steps in Indiantown at the foot of Main street. LEAK IN CEMENTERY. Men from the water and sewerage department are making repairs today to the water main which runs through Fernhill. A leak was discovered. Samuel Gompers, labor leader, ill in New York, passed a restful night and his condition today was satisfactory.

Issues Challenge To President Wilson

Contras of Popular Sentiment in Italy and States; British Troops Said to Have Left Fiume. Rome, April 28.—President Wilson is challenged by the Giornale d'Italia to "appeal to his own parliament as Premier Orlando has done, and to show the world that his policy has not unanimous support, like that given the Italian premier, but that of simply a majority of congress." In Rome. The negotiations at Paris were interrupted and the Italian parliament has been convoked only because President Wilson expressed before the world doubt that the Italian delegation did not represent the will of our people. Parliament must answer this, eliminating such doubt in a most clear, categorical and exclusive manner. The Messagero says: "Premier Orlando and Baron Sonnino have not definitely withdrawn from the conference, but have simply suspended their participation in the Italian parliament they may return to France to continue with new strength and better hope the interrupted diplomatic battle. Therefore, let us not talk of getting the annexation of Fiume through act of parliament. We must get Fiume by direction of the peace conference." The Messagero says: "Premier Orlando and Baron Sonnino have not definitely withdrawn from the conference, but have simply suspended their participation in the Italian parliament they may return to France to continue with new strength and better hope the interrupted diplomatic battle. Therefore, let us not talk of getting the annexation of Fiume through act of parliament. We must get Fiume by direction of the peace conference."

FEARED CHARRED BODY IS THAT OF JOHN I. ROBINSON

Former Well Known St. John Man in Sydney Fire. Hotel of Which He is Manager is Burned—He is Last Seen Hurrying to Arouse Patrons—Prominent in Sport in This City. Private advices this afternoon seemed to confirm the sad suspicion that Manager John I. Robinson of the Sydney Hotel, a former resident of this city, had fallen a victim to the blaze which consumed his hostelry at a loss of \$150,000 last night. It is said that the remains of a body said by hotel employes to be that of Mr. Robinson was located in the hotel, evidently a place of refuge from the crushing flames. While this statement was given out by close friends in St. John who used every effort to dispel the terrible doubt existing, Miss Roberta C. Robinson of 174 Waterloo street, a sister, had received no word up to one o'clock this afternoon. Naturally she is greatly distraught by the calamity which has befallen her brother, for a denial of the rumor. John I. Robinson was equally a familiar figure in his native city of St. John as he was in Sydney. As cashier for the C. P. R. Telegraph Co., first in the Dominion, his business assignments, especially in Prince William street, then in the newer quarters in Prince William street, he was a cheery, likable personality at the counter and one of the city's humorist bright spots. Indeed it was considered a distinct loss when he moved to the Nova Scotia boom town. It is singular, too, that just at this juncture when Archdeacon Crowfoot's comments on the death of whose son in St. John have stirred widespread discussion, one of the city's most ardent workers in athletics during the late eighties throughout the nineties should be so sadly thrust into the notice of his friends, all of whom are sincerely hoping he is yet spared. Mr. Robinson held various offices in the St. John Bicycle and Athletic Club and was a moving spirit in those halcyon days of real sport when the "A. A. Grounds" were as fit as could be for track and field events. Mr. Robinson's father was T. M. Robinson, a veteran telegraph operator with the Western Union offices here and a man whose faithful career marked the milestones of development of electrical communication in this part of the world. The late Eleanor Robinson, an accomplished and literary authority, was a sister and Percy Robinson of the official staff of the Canadian Press headquarters, Toronto and formerly an operator in connection with the C. P. R. Telegraph Company is his brother. As previously stated, Miss Roberta C. Robinson of Waterloo street, is a sister. The fire in which it is stated Mr. Robinson probably lost his life broke out in the Sydney Hotel late at night. The absence of wind was the only thing that saved the business district of Sydney being fire-swept and a fire wall prevented the Royal Bank building from being destroyed. It was only about five minutes after smoke was first seen pouring from the basement that the whole building was blundered. A bell boy telephoned the fire department and he stated Mr. Robinson went upstairs. Many of the guests escaped only in their night clothes and the majority lost all their effects. There was little opportunity to save anything other than from the front rooms. The hotel was built about twenty-five years ago and was of frame construction. Dry and tinder-like the flames easily poured throughout the whole three stories and the firemen could only devote their efforts to keeping the flames within the building. John I. Robinson was married a short time ago, his wife being a widow with a grown daughter. Sydney, N. S., April 29.—The charred and burned body of a human being, presumed to be the remains of John I. Robinson, manager, were found in the ruins of the Sydney Hotel by firemen this morning. Mr. Robinson has been missing since 11 o'clock last night, when he was last seen rushing upstairs to warn employes and patrons to leave the burning hotel. He was fifty years of age. Mr. Robinson in 1900 came to Sydney in partnership with C. B. Wetmore, in an insurance business. Nine years ago he was appointed manager of the Sydney Hotel, a position which he has held ever since. He was extremely well known to the traveling public. There are rumors that others are missing, and it is not certain the body recovered is that of Mr. Robinson, as it is buried without recognition. Among the Halifax men who were in the hotel and are known to have escaped safely were H. C. MacParlane, A. H. Harrison, W. H. Schwartz, E. C. Scott, A. T. Grant and Mrs. Z. M. Gates. The fire loss is now placed at \$80,000, with about \$65,000 insurance.

HARBOR 'PHONE CABLE BROKEN

The telephone cable connecting West St. John with the main sections of the city broke early this forenoon, and as a consequence the service across harbor was considerably impaired for a couple of days. However, 'phone traffic to Carleton will not be entirely shut off, but will be more or less limited. The public is requested to co-operate with the telephone company in confining 'phone conversations to and from west side to only emergency calls. A maximum of three minutes will be allowed. In fact, brief messages in all cases will ensure better service under the curtailed wire conditions. The broken cable is being fished up this afternoon by a large crew of workers and repairs will be rushed day and night.

TIMOTHY BARRY O'CONNELL MEETS DEATH IN MONTREAL

Relatives of Timothy Barry O'Connell today received the sad news of his death, which occurred yesterday in Montreal as the result of an accident, presumably in connection with the winter port work in which he was engaged there. He was employed in a similar work here and left for Montreal only a few days ago. He was the son of the late Timothy Barry O'Connell, who was lost in the Canadian government steamer Simcoe disaster. Mr. O'Connell was only thirty-four years of age. He is survived by his wife, four children, one brother, and three sisters. News of his death will be a great shock to his many friends in this city, for he was a general favorite and well known especially along the water front.

DROVE STRIKE-BREAKING PHONE GIRLS TO ROOF

Terre Haute, Ind., April 28.—State militia were ordered to Linton, Ind., last night to quell a riot resulting from a strike of telephone operators. A mob of 800 persons broke the doors and windows of the telephone exchange and drove eight girls strike-breakers to the roof. The girls were rescued and taken to a police station for safety.

KIRALFY, FAMED IN PAGEANTS, IS DEAD

London, April 28.—Imre Kiralfy, famous as the organizer of pageants and spectacular plays, died on Sunday at Brighton. He was born at Budapest in 1845 and made his first appearance as an actor at the age of four years.

NEW EDITOR OF THE MONTREAL HERALD

Montreal, April 28.—C. Linton Sibley magazine writer, has been appointed editor of the Montreal Herald. For some years past Mr. Sibley has been an editorial writer on the Herald. HYDRANT FOR HOSPITAL. Commissioner Jones said this morning that he has been making inquiries regarding the situation with regard to fire protection for the military hospital in Lancaster and will report on the advisability of installing another fire hydrant.

WILL LIVE HERE. Inspector Merryfield, who has recently been appointed a liquor inspector in this city, has moved his family to this city.